

Appl. No. 10/720,925
Amendment dated December 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 26, 2004

Remarks:

Claims 1-23 were previously pending. The application was filed with claims 1-17. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on January 23, 2004, adding claims 18-23. Applicant has cancelled claims 18-23 and added claims 24-29.

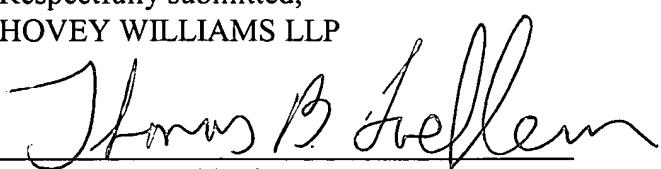
In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement arguing that the claims were directed to two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The Examiner restricted the claims to Species I, covered by claims 1-17, and Species II, covered by claims 18-23. The Examiner indicated that Species II did not include a circuit board supporting the light source. In response, Applicant elects Species I, claims 1-17, and thus, Applicant has cancelled claims 18-23. However, because the Examiner indicated that the only difference between the groups of claims was that Species II did not include a circuit board, Applicant has added new claims 24-29, of which independent claims 24 and 27 recite the feature of a circuit board.

The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from the discussed independent claims and therefore, should be in a condition for allowance.

In view of this response and the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in allowable condition and requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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